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Applicant:	Henson	Examiner:	Quash, A.G.
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2))**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed SB08 form are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted after a first office action on the merits but before an action closing prosecution. This information disclosure statement is being submitted with the appropriate fee due.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each foreign patent document and non-patent literature listed on the enclosed SB08 form is provided.

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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached SB08 form, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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